

Rotary

District 7150



Newsletter

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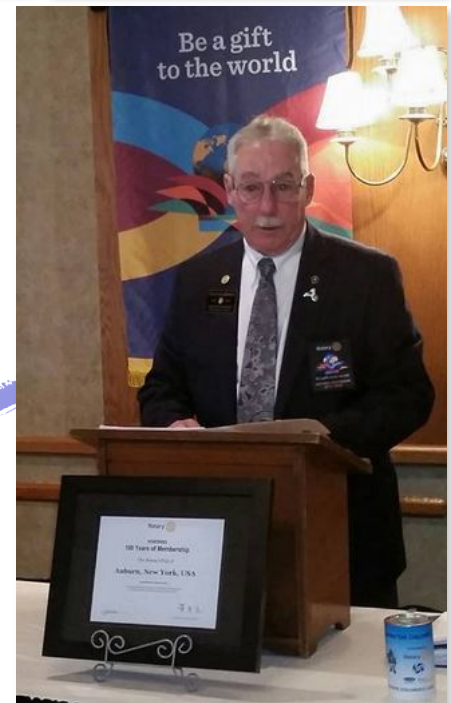
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this newsletter, the district
Facebook page or
www.rotary7150.org, send to Lizzy
Flinn-Brown, Public Image Chair,
at ebrown@syracuse.com

Be a gift to the world



MAC'S VISITS AROUND 7150

Clockwise:
Skaneateles
Sunrise,
Skaneateles,
Auburn and
Onondaga North



**FOLLOW ROTARY DISTRICT 7150 ON FACEBOOK FOR USEFUL
NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM RI AND AROUND OUR DISTRICT!**

From the District Governor...

As we move into the joyous holiday season, Joan and I wish to extend best wishes for you and your families as we traverse the many struggles we face throughout the world.

Rotary has been engaged in the business of Peace on Earth and Good Will toward all mankind longer than most of us have been rotarians. Peace and conflict resolution can only be realized when we, each of us, endeavor to make it a personal mission to live peace and resolve conflict whenever and where ever we encounter it. I think the poem below, at least for me, sets the tone.

"Let Every Day Be Christmas"

Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others is good you do yourself.

Peace on Earth, good will to men.
kind thoughts and words of cheer,
are things we should use often
and not just once a year.

Remember too the Christ-child, grew up to be a man;
to hide him in a cradle, is not our dear Lord's plan.
So keep the Christmas spirit, share it with others far and near,
from week to week and month to month, through the entire year!
written December 17, 1976 by Norman Wesley Brooks, U.S. Design Engineer (1923-2002)

As the sentiment of the poem above points out about our holiday spirit, Rotary too, should not be something we share or engage in only during our scheduled meetings. One way to keep the spirit of your Holidays and the productive joys of Rotary alive year round is by sharing the opportunity of Rotary with our non-Rotarian counter parts in our communities. I believe in doing so we truly do... Become a Gift to the World.

Rotary International gives us the tool to do so and provides us with a template to Join all Leaders, to Exchange Ideas and Take collective Action by forming community based partnerships. Here's how:

Organize a Rotary Community Corps

A Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is a group of non-Rotarians who share our commitment to service. RCC members plan and carry out projects in their communities and support local Rotary Club projects.

There are more than 7,500 corps in over 80 countries. Some examples of their work:

- The RCC of San Miguel in Guadalajara, Mexico gives scholarship to high school students from poor families.
- Disabled volunteer members of the RCC of Keon in Cortlandt Manor, NY, USA plan service activities at a food pantry and dog rescue facility.
- The RCC of Cura Village in Nairobi, Kenya provides education funding and equipment for a local orphanage.

HOW DO I JOIN OR ORGANIZE AN RCC?

By joining or organizing an RCC you can make a tremendous impact in your community. RCC's can exist anywhere there is a local club sponsor. If there isn't a community corps, discuss the idea of starting on with your local Rotary Club president.

HOW DO I SPONSOR AN RCC?

By sponsoring an RCC you are giving a large segment of your community the opportunity to proactively address issues where they live. Community members with a vested interest in a project are more likely to make sure that the project lives on. You can form an RCC anywhere non-Rotarians are interested in working with Rotary. Here are some guidelines:

- Assess your community needs. Find out where an RCC could have the biggest impact and what kinds of projects would be most effective.
- Promote the RCC to your club. Make sure you have buy-in from members and outline your club's role as a sponsor.
- Recruit RCC members. Start with a core group of members. Community organizations and non-governmental agencies are a good place to recruit.

Learn more about sponsoring an RCC and carrying out an RCC project here:
<https://goo.gl/2YLPDG>



ROTARY DISTRICT 7150 CONFERENCE

April 29 - May 1, 2016

Holiday Inn, Auburn NY

\$35 REGISTRATION ENDS DEC 31ST!

will remain available to all first-time attendees!!!

With early registration...

Total for commuter: \$145

Total for Rotarian: \$375

Total for Couple: \$485



Register Online Today!

www.rotary7150.org



**RSVP
ASAP**

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE

Step 1: Go to www.rotary7150.org

Step 2: Go to the District Conference page by either clicking on the ad in the middle of the page or the tab in the upper right.

Step 3: Register online, using a credit card for payment, by clicking the blue Register Now button. To register by mail and pay by check, download the registration form in the upper left of the page, complete and mail in with payment made out to Rotary District 7150.

Step 4: If you will need a place to lay your head, call the Holiday Inn in Auburn at (315) 253-4531 or click here <http://goo.gl/C6XiV6> to book as part of the Rotary District Conference.

Be a Gift to the World DISTRICT SEMINARS

FREE TO ATTEND

All Rotary District 7150 members will have the opportunity to participate in BOTH seminars



Saturday, January 23, 2016

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Baldwinsville Public Library

33 East Genesee Street | Baldwinsville, New York 13027

REGISTER NOW ONLINE

at <http://goo.gl/Aeuw64>

so we have a head count to be able to provide materials and light snacks!

Rotary Membership & Communication

This seminar will be facilitated by IPDG Deb Glisson.

PDG Deb has been attending a series of membership summits in a variety of locations and will be bringing you the latest news and information to help you grow Rotary. You will take away information that will help your clubs to stabilize, grow, be more engaging and/or become more attractive to the masses. Don't miss this helpful workshop!

Grants Management Seminar

This seminar will be facilitated by Mark Matt.

Dear District 7150 Rotarians:
This year we are holding only one Grants Management Seminar. This is that seminar. To apply for a 2016-17 Global or District Grant, two (2) members from your club must attend this seminar in order to meet the initial qualification requirement. Please be aware that the seminar requirement must be met each year.

AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB MUST ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP TO QUALIFY FOR A DISTRICT GRANT!!!

NEW HARTFORD ROTARY

Annual

Holiday

Auction

Dec 2 / Cocktails 5:30p – Auction at 7p
Valentino's, New Hartford

\$25
per person

To purchase
tickets see a
New Hartford
Rotarian.



Geneva Rotary Santa Train

Saturday, Dec 12th | \$18 per person
Train boards at the Geneva Public Safety Building

Singing, Santa & Gifts



Get train times & ticket info at
www.genevarotaryclub.org

Syracuse Rotary Christmas Party

Dec 11, 2015 at NOON
Drumlins Country Club | \$15pp

Join us for our annual toy give-away and see
children and their families enjoying music,
food, games and a visit from Santa himself.

A heartwarming experience
and the perfect time to visit
the Syracuse club meeting!

For large groups, please confirm head-count with
Ray Leach at rabaleach@twcnr.com

FOR THE LATEST NEWS CHECK
OUT THE EVENTS CALENDAR AT
ROTARY7150.ORG

USE THE NEW EVENT
SUBMISSION FORM
TO GET YOUR EVENT
ON OUR CALENDAR,
POSTED TO OUR
FACEBOOK AND IN
THE NEWSLETTER!



What's Your Club's Plan for Polio?

THE POLIO CHALLENGE FOR DISTRICT 7150!

The Adirondack Foothills Club's Jack Scott, a Rotarian of 40 years, challenged every member of his club to contribute \$30, \$60 or \$90 (or more) towards End Polio Now. If they got 100% participation from their members, then the club would double the contribution - AND THEY DID! They sent in \$1,840, which will turn into \$5,520 with the contribution from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. That's all from one club.

Can your club do the same?

If you haven't planned a polio fundraiser and your club funds can swing it, issue this challenge to your members. Use the latest news to convince them of the importance for this final push and remind them Bill Gates is tripling our donations! If you already have a fundraiser planned, consider matching whatever is raised with club funds, in the same spirit. Let your AG know if your club will be participating so we can report all success here - any dollar raised is success. Many thanks to AF Club President Steve for sending us this challenge!

CLASSIFIEDS

Volunteers needed!!!

District Conference Committee

needs to fill three positions:

Program Coordinator

Registrar in Training

Sergeant At Arms in Training

Full job descriptions are available at <http://rotary7150.org/Page/district-conference-2016>

Join our team for a whole new committee experience!

Email chairperson Lizzy Flinn-Brown at ebrown@syracuse.com with questions or for more info.

Future Farmers of America Judge

Join Donna & Dennis Schonewetter in judging various events at the sub-state FFA competition for Vernon-Verona-Sherrill's FFA chapter. No experience required and it's fun!

Competition is April 2, 2016.

Interested volunteers can contact Dennis at dennis7150@gmail.com

DeWitt Learns About SU Med School

Recently, Rotarian Mel Rubenstein introduced University Professor Sean O'Keefe at a Monday luncheon. He spoke about the concept of a new medical school in Syracuse. Doctors who graduate from this school would serve a specified period of time at a Veterans Administration hospital somewhere in the US. This is greatly needed and would have national significance. Professor O'Keefe was speaking to DeWitt Rotary about his role as Chair of the University Committee, which was created to assess the feasibility of establishing a medical school at SU. He told us that the program would be designed so as not to overlap with other area medical schools, and that he feels that this program can be transformational for both for SU and the military. However, the financial risks are enormous. Hopefully, a final model will integrate resources and faculty across the university, with the result of sharing programs and expertise that will benefit all involved. Professor O'Keefe is only the 17th person in Syracuse University history to hold the title of University Professor.



Mel Rubenstein (left) & Sean O'Keefe. Photo by Cheryl Matt

The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do: 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Cato Rotarian Honored

Cal Weldon, 87, was honored for his 64 years of service and leadership in volunteer fire and emergency services in Cayuga County.

Congrats Cal!

Get the full story here:

<http://goo.gl/cRIIm80>



New Location For Herkimer Rotary

Now at PK's Pub in Herkimer every Tuesday at Noon. All are welcome to visit and see what their club is doing in the community!



Social Spotlight

Great posts and sharing from clubs around the district on social media!

